

MINUTES
MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2014

Members Present: Jim Graf, Keary Kautzer, Jane Kautzer, Ruth Gerstner, Fran Burg, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Don Silvis and Mary Rajer

Excused: Yolanda Graf, Julie Vandersteen, Al Kuether, Barb Kuether and Mai Xiong

Absent: Ald. Kevin Matichuk

Others in Attendance: Mayor Vandersteen

Call to Order: Chairman Graf called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: The committee stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Don, second by Henry, the minutes from the November 12, 2013 meeting were approved.

Correspondence: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Other ideas for fund raisers: Mayor Vandersteen presented his idea for a possible fundraiser. He asked the committee if they would consider taking on a concert featuring the UW Band at the Weill Center. In the past this was done successfully by his Rotary Club. The UW Band has not played a concert in Sheboygan since 2007. After a strong football season and the best start for the Badger Men's Basketball Team in their history, Badger Alumni and Fans will be ready for this performance and with the six year absence, should put us in a good place for attendance to fill the Weill Center seats.

The mayor distributed a detailed budget that he prepared which listed an estimate of expenses and revenue. Tickets would be sold for \$15 (277 seats available) or \$20 (739 seats available) with a total of 1,016 seats. If all tickets are sold it would be possible to add an additional 34 seats to fill theatre to total capacity (1,050 seats). The committee is not responsible for selling tickets – just promoting the event. All tickets are sold through the Weill Center.

Possible dates available for this event are Monday 3/24/14, Sunday 3/30/14, Monday 3/31/14, Friday 4/4/14, or Sunday 4/6/14.

The committee can earn additional funds by putting together a program booklet and selling ads.

Our committee will be responsible for feeding the band before their performance. In the past the basement of Trinity Lutheran Church has been made available for serving this meal to 100-125 band members. The committee will supply all the food, condiments and beverages, as well as serve this lunch to the Band.

The committee will also assist the Band with loading and unloading their equipment. We may also need to supply extra music stands and chairs.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Henry, second by Keary, to approve this fundraiser and set the date for April 6th with a back-up date of April 4th. All ayes – motion carries.

Assignments were then made for various duties. Henry will coordinate the frying. The mayor will ask for donation of the brats. Don will make arrangements with Trinity Lutheran Church regarding the food service.

Jim volunteered Yolanda to work on the program booklet (the mayor said Julie could help). The mayor will call the Weill Center and UW Band to set the date.

Regarding subject of other ideas for fundraisers, Henry asked if the committee would be interested in selling food and beverages at Fountain Park on July 3rd when Dorf Kapelle is performing. Since the concert series schedule has not yet been released, this item will be put on the next agenda when a schedule is available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trip to Esslingen: Just received today - a tentative itinerary of the 2014 trip to Esslingen was shared with the committee. Mary will also share with other participants and will plan a meeting for entire group at a later date.

Foreign Exchange Student Party: This event will take place on Tuesday, February 11th at Jakum's Hall. Invitations have been mailed to all foreign exchange students attending North High School, South High School, Lutheran High School and Sheboygan County Christian High School. The invite is for the student and their host family. School officials, the governor and state representatives, and aldermen are also invited. Committee members should arrive at 5:30, registration is at 6:00 and dinner is at 6:30. The committee will be charged \$9.95 per person plus 15% tip. This will be our 29th annual foreign exchange party.

Schedule next meeting: February 4, 2014 at 5:15 in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Fran and seconded by Keary. All ayes – motion carried.

Submitted by:
Mary Rajer, Secretary